FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The terms of reference of the Three Members Committee costituted to review the etire matter of recoveries from the drug companies are contained in the resolution published in the official Gazette on 21-3-1994 copy of which is available in the Library of the Parliament. Government is making all efforts to recover the amount of liability due from companies for the entire relevant period.

Cases of M/s. Rhone Poulanc and M/s. Boots

6875. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the case of M/s. Rhone Poulanc relating to recovery in respect of Metronidazole under Para 7(2) is identical to the case of M/s. Boots who paid their liability into DPEA;

(b) what are the main points raised by this company on which Law Ministry's opinion has been sought;

(c) whether opinion on these points is already available with the Ministry and why opinion on these points has been sought again; and

(d) whether the Ministry has got the details which were asked for from this company and if not, how they have been let off and allowed to side track the issue ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) In case of M/s. Rhone Poulanc, the company has not provided the requisite data/details and had requested for personal hearing which was granted to them in June '93 in which the company had raised certain specific legal issues on which the opinion of Ministry of Law, Justice & Company Affairs is essential. After receiving their opinion, the liability will be worked out and further necessary action taken in the matter. The recovery from this company shall be made as per the provisions of the Law.

Criteria of 1989-90 turnover for review of drug policy

6876. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 450 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th February, 1994 and state:

(a) whether criteria of 1989-90 turnover for review of drug policy is not being applied to omit newer drugs of multi-nationals;

(b) why is then 1989-90 turnover taken as the base year and not 1992-93 or 1993-94 turnover as base year;

(c) whether the data for the year 1990-91 1992-93 and 1993-94 is not available with the Ministry or there are some other specific reasons; what is the correct position; and

(d) what precisely are the reasons for omitting drugs like Cefotaxim. Cefadroxil, Fortum, Cifran, Pentoxyfylline from price control and what are the names of other newer drugs not covered under price control and what is the annual turnover of each, per year, during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) All the aspects, including the basis on which drugs should be listed for price control, form part of the Review of Drug Policy, 1986 and final decisions are yet to be taken.

Affairs of Sindri and Barauni Fertilizer Units

6877. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister for Fertilizers and Chemicals

has stated at various fora that Sindri Unit of FCI and Barauni Unit of HFC will not be closed;

(b) if so, what economic and other measures have been taken by Government to keep these plants running;

(c) whether Government have any planning to merge these sick units with healthy companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI) including its Sindri unit, and Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC) including its, Barauni unit, have been declared as sick companies by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985. On 16.3.94 BIFR issued further orders appointing Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Ltd. (ICICI) as the Operating Agency in respect of FCI and HFC. Government has been providing, to the extent possible, budgetary support to FCI and HFC to carry out renewals|replacements and to meet partly their working capital requirements to enable these companies to run their plants, including the Sindri and Barauni units. Any final decision on the rehabilitation|restructuring of these units would depend upon the outcome of proceedings pending before the BIFR, which is a quasi-judicial authority.

(c) and (d) No such decision has been taken.

Lack of Funds in the Sindri Unit of FCI

6878. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain on-going capital works in progress are suffering due to lack of funds in the Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited, Sindri Unit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that supply of feedstock, spares and other inputs is threatened everyday due to non-clearance of arrears due;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what measures have been taken by Government to pay off the dues of creditors and to keep the plant running?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The progress on implementation of Sindri Revamping Phase-I and Phase-II Schemes, estimated to cost Rs. 15.23 crores and Rs. 19.66 crores, respectively, is slow on account of paucity of funds with the company.

(c) to (e) As on 31-3-1994 the outstanding arrears of input suppliers for Sindri unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI), were about Rs. 30 crores. The major outstandings are for coal, power, road and rail transport spares and chemicals, customs duty, bags etc. Government has been providing, to the extent possible, budgetary support to FCI to carry out renewals|replacements and to meet partly their working capital requirements. During the year 1993-94 budgetary support of Rs. 67.50 crores was provided to FCI. A provision of Rs. 60.50 crores has been made for the year 1994-95.

Operational of International airlines in domestic sectors

6879. SHRI RAMCHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in th 'Sunday Observer' of 7th March, 1993 under the captioned 'Ministries Skirmish over Open Skies Aviation Policy';